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Guide to
Central
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Resources

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As best we can tell, this publication is the first attempt at a comprehensive guide to Central Coast historical resources. We have defined resources broadly to include written and graphic documents, artifacts and structures, culture bearers and the World Wide Web. Like any other historical project, this guide is a work in progress, subject to review and correction. If you notice errors or oversights, please let us know so we can update entries for the next edition.

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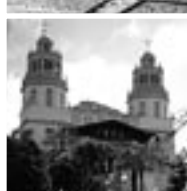
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California Coastal National Monument

Piedras Blancas Light Station
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Camp Roberts Historical Museum

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www.militarymuseum.org/camprobertsmuseum.html

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www.edgeta.org/brnch27.htm

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 Arroyo Grande CA 93420
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Cayucos Lion Veterans Memorial Hall
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www.idesofca.org/our_councils.html



Jack House Museum

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 Recreation Dept, 781-3800



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 743 Pacific Street
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Contact: Ray Belknap

www.special-places.org



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www.morrobaymuseum.org



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City of San Luis Obispo***Cultural Heritage Committee Archives***

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County of San Luis Obispo***Clerk-Recorder's Office***

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www.sloclerkrecorder.org/generalinfo/history.html

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www.slolibrary.org

**San Luis Obispo County
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**San Luis Obispo County
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**San Luis Obispo County
Cattlemen's Association**

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www.cattlemen-slo.org/field1.html

San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau

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www.slofarmbureau.org

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www.slochs.org

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Santa Maria Museum of Natural History

412 S. McClelland
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www.orcutts/sbceo.k12.ca.us/public/museum

Santa Maria Valley Historical Museum

616 S. Broadway
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www.members.pronet.net.smmuseum

Santa Maria Valley Railroad Historical Museum

Santa Maria Town Center Mall
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www.smvrhm.org

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Tribal Elders Council

Santa Inez Chumash Indian Reservation
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Tribal Council Administrative Offices

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South County Historical Society

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Heritage House Museum

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Santa Manuela School

127 Short St
Arroyo Grande CA 93420
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Templeton Historical Museum Society

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www.magicwindows.com/officeof/templetonhistorical-museum/society/



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www.latino.slonet.org/data/0040.html



Central Coast History on the Web

At first thought it would seem reasonable to expect that the best sources for local history are locally available. After all, the events happened here. Why look further?

Second thoughts suggest why the best sources are often someplace else. In San Luis Obispo, as elsewhere, locals tended to document the unusual rather than the commonplace. It was more often visitors, bureaucrats on fact-finding missions, and other strangers who recorded and saved information about the textures of local life that later historians now find most useful. For example, the obvious keys to the under-explored history of Central Coast tourism are the letters that vacationers sent home, and the diaries and photo albums that they took home. They are more likely to survive in places like Fresno than in Pismo Beach. Similarly, in many ways the best descriptions of California coastal communities from Avila to Cambria in the 19th century appear in two federal documents rarely available in local libraries: the U.S. Coast Survey's *Coast Pilot of California, Oregon and Washington*, and Bureau of Fisheries *The Fisheries and Fishing Industries of the United States*. Rich sources for Chumash ethnography in the same era reside at the Musée de l'Homme in Paris.

In the good old days cost and inconvenience severely limited research trips far afield. Local historians tended to stay close to home reworking the same sources, re-asking the same questions, and retelling the same stories until the past ran the risk of closing in on itself.

Recently the Internet has made it much easier – and more necessary – to look and think outside the box. SLO history now has a global reach. Because

most web-based sites are searchable by keyword, it's relatively easy to explore this expanding universe of undiscovered sources and fresh ideas. A powerful and friendly "search engine" such as Google (<http://www.google.com>) takes less than a second to locate more than 300,000 references to San Luis Obispo on the web. In an instant Google's "image" search option finds and displays over 8,000 SLO-related photographs, maps and graphics. Similarly, a few mouse clicks yield lists of every SLO-related, cataloged document and artifact in virtually every California library, in the Library of Congress, the National Archives, and the Smithsonian Institution (see <http://www.melvyl.ucop.edu>; <http://www.nara.gov/nara/nail.html>; <http://lcweb.loc.gov/catalog/>; <http://www.loc.gov/z3950>; <http://www.siris.si.edu>). Documentation for a hundred SLO County buildings, industrial and public works sites is available from the National Park Service Historic American Buildings Survey and Historical American Engineering Record (HABS/HAER) at <http://www.cr.nps.gov/habshaer/>.

Several examples illustrate the exciting range of original documents and images now accessible online. American Memory: Historical Collections for the National Digital Library (<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/>) currently offers 7 million items from more than a hundred collections. The California Heritage Collection includes 30,000 images illustrating California history and culture (<http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/calheritage>), and it is only a small part of the Online Archive of California, a one-stop search site for most of the significant library, archival, museum, and research institution collections state-wide (<http://sunsite2.berkeley.edu/oac>).

The web is also a conduit for new ideas. [Http://www.dohistory.org/](http://www.dohistory.org/) is a fascinating example of how an imaginative historian pieced fragments of local history together into the prize-winning book and film, *A Widwife's Tale*. Some of the smartest local studies these days first surface in the online magazine, *Common-Place* (www.common-place.org). More than 60,000 historians now regularly discuss current work and post inquiries on H-Net: Humanities & Social Sciences On-Line (<http://www2.h-net.msu.edu/about/>). The H-Cal Discussion Network focuses on California topics (<http://www2.h-net.msu.edu/~cal/>).

As the websites listed here and the next 2 pages suggest, internet sources for SLO History expand and become more accessible every day. For helpful tour guides to this global village of local history, both periodically updated via the web, see Dennis A. Trinkle, ed., *The U.S. History Highway: A Guide to Internet Sources* (2002), and Dennis A. Trinkle, ed., *The World History Highway: A Guide to Internet Sources* (2002).

Arroyo Grande Valley Prime Farmland,
a National Treasure to Protect.
www.coastalred.org/agtreasures.htm

Azoreans to California:
A History of Migration and Settlement
www.library.csustan.edu/bsantos/azorean.html#96-110

China1: A Brief History of San Luis Obispo's Chinese
<http://www.tcsn.net/sloarchaeology/china1.html>

California as I Saw It: First-Person Narratives of
California's Early Years, 1849-1900
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/cbhtml/cbhome.html>

California Historic Landmarks: San Luis Obispo County
http://ohp.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=21484

California Missions History
<http://www.californiamissions.com/>

California Military Museum: Camp San Luis Obispo
www.militarymuseum.org/cslo%20history.html

Five Views: An Ethnic Site Survey for California
<http://www.ohp.parks.ca.gov/5views/5views/htm>

Historical Morro Bay
www.oldmorrobay.com/home.html

History in San Luis Obispo County
www.historyinslocounty.com

History of the Cottage Hotel and History of E. C. Loomis
Feed Mill—1883. Coastal Resource Conservation District
www.coastalred.org/agtreasures.htm

LUPIN Historical and Cultural Resources:
San Luis Obispo County
www.ceres.ca.gov/planning/counties/san_luis_obispo/history.html

Lusaweb: A Portugues-American Neighborhood
www.lusaweb.com

National Park Service
Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail
www.nps.gov/juba

National Register of Historic Places:
San Luis Obispo County
<http://nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com/ca/san+luis+obispo/state.html>

Octagon Barn Restoration Page
<http://www.special-places.org/obarn.htm>

San Luis Obispo County California Biographies Project
<http://sloco.net/cabio/slobio.html>

Santa Margarita Ranch
www.santamargaritapreserve.org/past/

S.P.R.S.I. (Sociedade Portuguesa Rainha Santa Isabel),
California Portuguese Festas, 2002
www.home.earthlink.net/~abreu/Festas1.html

The Nature Conservancy of California:
San Luis Obispo County Projects
www.tnccalifornia.org

Web De Anza
www.anza.uoregon.edu

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